

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 693 without my signature.

Integrating SCANS (U.S. Secretary of Labor's Commission for Achieving Necessary Skills) components into teacher preparation programs is a laudable goal for propelling California schools in instructional modes appropriate for the 21st Century and producing students better prepared for success in the workplace.

However, colleges and universities currently have the ability to craft their candidate training programs to meet the contemporary needs and demands of K-12 classrooms in California. The SCANS report is readily available on the Internet, and I encourage educators to investigate SCANS and ascertain the appropriate level of relevance these competencies should have in their individual classrooms. Therefore, an additional study is unnecessary.

For this reason, I am unable to sign this bill.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger